

REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated May 28, 2008, the Examiner states that Claims 12-21 and 24-28 are pending and rejected. By the present amendment, Applicant amends Claims 12, 14, 15, 17, 18 and 24, and cancels Claims 13, 26, 28 and 29.

At the outset, Applicant would like to thank Examiner Hon for her suggestions on February 24, 2009, regarding supplemental claim amendments that could be provided in order to better differentiate the present invention from the cited prior art.

With respect to the suggestion to delete the phrase "a ferroelectric liquid crystal" in Claim 12 and replace it with "a ferroelectric liquid crystal layer," Applicant respectfully asserts that the phrase "a ferroelectric liquid crystal" lays the antecedent basis for the subsequently recited phrase "the ferroelectric liquid crystal." Accordingly, Applicant considers that such an amendment may render the claim indefinite.

To avoid any potential issues related to the definiteness of the instant claim, Applicant proposes to amend a portion of the claim to read, "wherein a ferroelectric liquid crystal in the ferroelectric liquid crystal layer is a liquid crystal," as shown in the claim amendments section above. Moreover, Applicant has amended the ending of this claim to recite "...mono-domain alignment in the ferroelectric liquid crystal layer." Aside from this minor counter-proposal, Applicant considers that it has incorporated all other claim amendments as proposed by the Examiner.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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